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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)               | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____   |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Alcoe et al. (5,947,750).

In regard to claim 1, Alcoe et al. discloses a socket for electrical parts comprising: a base member 47; an elastic member 52 disposed on the base member 47; and a base plate 43, in the form of deformable sheet, disposed on the elastic member 52, and provided with a plurality of contact points 57 to which a plurality of terminals 57 of an electrical part 44 is to be contacted, disposed on the upper surface of the base plate 43 in a predetermined distance; when a position corresponding to each contact point 51 of the elastic member 52 is compressed by the pressing force from the terminal 57 of the electrical part 44, an escaping space is provided for elastic deformation portion pushed away by the compression and is disposed at a position corresponding in between each terminal 57 (see fig. 5).

In regard to claim 2, Alcoe et al. discloses that the elastic member 52 is formed with a protrusion 51 projecting toward the base plate 43 at a position corresponding to each contact point 57, and in between such protrusion, the escaping space is formed.

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3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Goin et al. (6,536,872).

In regard to claim 1, Goin et al. discloses a socket for electrical parts comprising: a base member 18; an elastic member 12 disposed on the base member 18; and a base plate 14, in the form of deformable sheet, disposed on the elastic member 12, and provided with a plurality of contact points 32 to which a plurality of terminals 22 of an electrical part 16 is to be contacted, disposed on the upper surface of the base plate 14 in a predetermined distance; when a position corresponding to each contact point of the elastic member 12 is compressed by the pressing force from the terminal 22 of the electrical part 16, an escaping space is provided for elastic deformation portion pushed away by the compression and is disposed at a position corresponding in between each terminal 22.

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In regard to claim 3, Goin et al. discloses that the elastic member is formed with a protrusion 44 projecting toward the base member 18 at a position corresponding to each contact point, and in between such protrusion 44, the escaping space is formed.

In regard to claim 4, Goin et al. discloses that the base member 18 is formed with a protrusion 42 projecting toward the elastic member 12 at a position corresponding to each contact point 44, and in between such protrusion 42, the escaping space is formed.

### ***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tho D. Ta whose telephone number is (571) 272-2014. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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